

**REMARKS**

Claims 16 to 27 were in the case on final action as of 20 July 2004. Claims 16 to 25 were rejected and claims 26 and 27 were allowed.

Claims 16 to 25 are now cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's right to claim the same or similar subject matter in a divisional application. Since only allowed claims 26 and 27 remain in the case this application is in condition for allowance and an early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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